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Macroeconomic policy questions

Report of the Second Committee*

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1. At its 9th plenary meeting, on 11 September 2000, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-fifth session the item entitled:

"Macroeconomic policy questions:

"(a) Trade and development;

"(b) Commodities;

"(c) External debt crisis and development;

"(d) Science and technology for development;

"(e) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries"

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 8th to 10th, 13th, 16th, 26th to 28th, 30th, 34th, 35th, 38th, 40th and 42nd meetings, on 6, 9, 12, 18, 26, 27 and 31 October, 15, 20 and 29 November and 1 and 8 December 2000. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/55/SR.8-10, 13, 16, 26-28, 30, 34, 35, 38, 40 and 42). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 3rd to 7th meetings, on 2, 3 and 5 October (see A/C.2/55/SR.3-7). An account of the Committee's further consideration of the item will be given in the addenda to the present report, as follows:

* The report of the Committee on this item will be issued in six parts, under the symbol A/55/579 and Add.1-5.

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3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

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Letter dated 2 May 2000 from the Permanent Representatives of Armenia and Georgia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/55/68-S/2000/377)

Letter dated 2 May 2000 from the Permanent Representatives of Azerbaijan and Georgia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/55/69-S/2000/378)

Letter dated 26 April 2000 from the Permanent Representatives of Georgia and Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/55/71-S/2000/393)

Letter dated 5 May 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly, transmitting the Declaration and the Programme of Action adopted by the South Summit of the Group of 77, held at Havana from 10 to 14 April 2000 (A/55/74)

Letter dated 17 July 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the report of the Group of Seven Finance Ministers to the Heads of State and Government entitled "Strengthening the International Financial Architecture" (A/55/158-E/2000/102)

Letter dated 1 August 2000 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the communiqué Okinawa 2000 adopted by the Group of Eight on 23 July 2000 (A/55/257-S/2000/766)

Letter dated 1 August 2000 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting a statement adopted by the Group of Seven at the summit meeting held in Okinawa, Japan, from 21 to 23 July 2000 (A/55/260-E/2000/108)

Letter dated 17 August 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Mongolia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/55/310)

Letter dated 8 September 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting, inter alia, the Brasilia communiqué adopted on 1 September 2000 by the Presidents of the South American countries (A/55/375)

Letter dated 20 November 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Brazil to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/55/636)

Note verbale dated 10 October 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/C.2/55/7)

Letter dated 19 October 2000 from the Permanent Representatives of Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, the Russian Federation and Tajikistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the text of a statement by their respective heads of State concerning the establishment of the Eurasian Economic Community, adopted on 10 October 2000 (A/C.2/55/8)

Letter dated 24 October 2000 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/C.2/55/9)

(a) Trade and development

Report of the Secretary-General on international trade and development (A/55/396)

Note by the Secretary-General on the transit environment in the landlocked States in Central Asia and their transit developing neighbours (A/55/320)

Report of the Trade and Development Board on its twenty-third to twenty-fifth executive sessions (A/55/15 (Parts I to III)) and on its forty-seventh session (A/54/15 (Part IV))[1]

Letter dated 28 June 2000 from the Permanent Representatives of Egypt and Indonesia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the joint communiqué of the Tenth Summit of the Heads of State and Government of the Group of Fifteen, meeting in Cairo on 19 and 20 June 2000 (A/55/139-E/2000/93)

Letter dated 20 September 2000 from the Permanent Representatives of Azerbaijan, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova, Ukraine and Uzbekistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the New York Memorandum adopted by their respective Presidents at their meeting on 6 September 2000 and a communiqué (A/55/434-S/2000/926)

(b) Commodities

Note by the Secretary-General on world commodity trends and prospects (A/55/332)

Letter dated 28 June 2000 from the Permanent Representatives of Egypt and Indonesia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the joint communiqué of the Tenth Summit of the Heads of State and Government of the Group of Fifteen, meeting in Cairo on 19 and 20 June 2000 (A/55/139-E/2000/93)

(c) External debt crisis and development

Report of the Secretary-General on recent developments in the debt situation of developing countries (A/55/422)

Letter dated 22 June 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Honduras to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/55/183)

[1] The reports, circulated individually as documents A/55/15 (Parts I to IV), will be issued in final form as *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 15* (A/55/15).

(d) Science and technology for development

Report of the Secretary-General on the proposals for strengthening the coordination of the mechanisms on the Commission on Science and Technology for Development within the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development with the objective of promoting complementarity of activities within the United Nations system (A/55/96-E/2000/84)

Note by the Secretariat on the progress made in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 54/201 (A/55/413)

(e) Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries

Report of the Secretary-General entitled "Towards a stable international financial system, responsive to the challenges of development, especially in the developing countries" (A/55/187 and Add.1 and 2)

Letter dated 28 June 2000 from the Permanent Representatives of Egypt and Indonesia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the joint communiqué of the Tenth Summit of the Heads of State and Government of the Group of Fifteen, meeting in Cairo on 19 and 20 June 2000 (A/55/139-E/2000/93)

4. At the 8th meeting, on 6 October, introductory statements were made by Director of the Development Policy Analysis Division, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, the Senior Economic Affairs Officer and Chief of the Regional Commissions New York Office, and the High-level Expert on Financing, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (see A/C.2/55/SR.8).

5. At the 9th meeting, on 6 October, an introductory statement was made by the Economic Affairs Officer of the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (see A/C.2/55/SR.9).

6. At the 26th meeting, on 26 October, the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the President of the Trade and Development Board made introductory statements (see A/C.2/55/SR.26).